

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): Orthopaedic bench ~~for improving~~ adapted to improve ~~a therapeutic condition of a user's spine or back by decompression wherein dimensions of the bench are adapted to a size of the user who is supposed to lie supine thereon,~~ comprising:

a resting member ~~[[2]]~~ having a surface adapted to allow a user to lie supine on and,
the surface including a longitudinal axis, which extends along an incline from a first lower
end to a second upper end, and being curved ~~such that, in a user's rest position, the user's~~
~~head is orientated downwards to a first end of the surface; and~~

a supporting member ~~[[1]]~~ for supporting the resting member ~~[[2]]~~ on a plane on
which the bench can be put; such that the surface of the resting member (2) is inclined
relative to a floor on which the bench (1) is to be put;

~~characterized in that~~

~~the supporting member is formed such that the surface has~~ having a height [[4]] at a
~~second end thereof, the second end opposing the first end, such that in the user's rest position~~
~~the user can put his/her feet on the floor while~~ wherein the height of the supporting member
is adapted to the size of the user so that, if the user lies on the bench with his head orientated
to the first lower end and has his feet on the plane, the user's knees are bent and at a higher
position ~~than the user's spine or back relative to the floor plane.~~

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): Orthopaedic bench according to claim 1 ~~or 2,~~
~~characterized in that the surface has two zones with,~~ wherein the resting member comprises a
first area and a second area, the areas including different friction coefficients surface

~~qualities, a~~ the first zone-area ~~[[2]]~~ having a ~~first low~~ friction-coefficient, and a ~~the second zone-area~~ having a ~~second-high~~ friction-coefficient ~~higher than the first friction-coefficient~~ and being arranged at the second end of the surface.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): Orthopaedic bench according to ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the bench is adapted to be free of concentration zones ~~straining which could strain~~ the user's joints or ligaments.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): Orthopaedic bench according to ~~one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the curved surface is composed of a plurality of plane surfaces connected to each other.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): Orthopaedic bench according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the surface is composed of three plane surfaces, wherein an inclination angle, relative to the ~~floor~~ plane, of each is decreasing from the first end to the second end of the surface.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): Orthopaedic bench according to ~~one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the surface is orientated substantially parallel to the ~~floor~~ plane at the second end thereof.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): Orthopaedic bench according to ~~one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the surface ~~is~~ is curved convex.

Claim 9 (New): Orthopaedic bench, comprising:

a resting member including a surface wherein the surface includes a first portion adapted to accommodate a user's head and located along a longitudinal axis of the surface at a first lower end;

a second portion adapted to accommodate a user's buttocks and located along the longitudinal axis of the surface at a second upper end; and

a supporting member that supports the resting member.